

PERMITTING THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, AND  
USE OF CERTAIN PIPE LINES FOR STEAM-HEATING  
PURPOSES IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Mr. McCARRAN, from the Committee on the District of Columbia,  
submitted the following

## REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 3691]

The Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3691) to permit the construction, maintenance, and use of certain pipe lines for steam-heating purposes in the District of Columbia, having considered the same, report favorably thereon, without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

The purpose of this bill is to permit the Mayflower Hotel Corporation to use the heating plant within its present hotel building on the south side of De Sales Street for heating a new service building being constructed opposite the hotel, on the north side of De Sales Street.

Specifically, the bill authorizes construction, maintenance, and use of a steam pipe line, with a necessary return pipe line, from a point within lot 88, square 162, which lot is owned by the Mayflower Hotel Corporation, to a point within lot 12, square 162, also owned by the Mayflower Hotel Corporation.

The service building on the north side of De Sales Street is being constructed under an AA-3 priority granted by the War Production Board, which indicates the view of that Board that the construction of the building is essential in the war effort. Construction of this building will permit enlargement of kitchen facilities in the hotel, so that service may be expedited and more people may be served, and will also make available additional space for conversion into guest rooms. A priority on the pipe necessary for laying the proposed steam lines also has been granted by the War Production Board, which favors the proposal to conserve heating facilities by using the existing heating plant within the hotel to heat the new building.

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The bill contains all safeguards necessary to protect fully the rights of the District of Columbia, including a provision of any repairs to streets, highways, or other public property necessitated by construction or alterations of the pipe lines shall be made in a manner approved by the District Commissioners and at the expense of the Mayflower Hotel Corporation, its successors or assignees. This is the provision which the Senate insisted upon, by way of amendment, in granting similar authority for the laying of steam pipe lines to Lansburgh & Bro., a local department store, under Public Law 173, Seventy-eighth Congress.

The proposed pipe lines will not interfere with gas, electric light, or telephone conduits.

Authority similar to that granted by the pending bill has also been granted to numerous other applicants, including among others the Pennsylvania Greyhound Transit Corporation (pipe line across New York Avenue); the Catholic University of America (pipe line across Michigan Avenue); the Terminal Refrigerating Corporation (pipe line across S Street SW.); and Steuart Bros., Inc. (pipe line in Thirteenth Street SE.).

While the Commissioners of the District of Columbia have not reported formally upon this bill, the offices of the corporation counsel of the District and of the director of highways of the District both have advised the committee they are familiar with the bill and have no objection to its enactment.

